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Salina Mennonite Church

A Congregation of Mennonite Church USA

Salina Mennonite Church is a Christian community seeking to share God's love through celebration, nurture, service, and peacemaking.

We hold that every person is created in God's image. We embrace differences in race, gender, sexual orientation, ability or status.

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Welcome

Prelude

Piano Solo

In the Garden

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBEFnhTSAFA>

arr, Martha Mier

Call to Worship

God Was, God Is, God Will Be

Voices Together 884

Leader: In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

ALL: God was.

Leader: Here and now, among us, beside us, clearer than air, closer than breathing,

ALL: God is.

Leader: In all that is to come, when we have turned to dust and human knowledge has been completed.

ALL: God will be.

Leader: Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it,

not condemning the world, but redeeming it through Jesus Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,

ALL: God was, God is, God will be.

Hymn

Summoned by the God Who Made Us

Voices Together 1

Seattle Mennonite Church <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7y0emDC7NY>

Storytelling

God Creates the World/In the Garden

Genesis 1 & 3

Saddleback Kids Gen. 1-2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teu7BCZTgDs>

Saddleback Kids Gen 3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7TDvJrjz0>

Hymn

God of Wonders

Voices Together 178

Ensemble

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOKaL3bee6I>

Scripture

Proverbs 22

Pew Bible 527

Bible Project Proverbs <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AzmYV8GNAlM>

Sermon

The Wisdom of James

Bible Project James <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qh-LHWwRYY>

Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

Voices Together 716

Virtual Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1G6uArjXYI>

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Hymn

Go, My Friends, in Grace

Voices Together 810

Circle of Friends

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59Uye0h42hE>

Benediction

God Is with Us

Voices Together 1051

In our concerns and in our choices, **God is with us.**

In our disappointments and in our joys, **God is with us.**

In our protesting and in our serving, **God is with us.**

Now and always, **God is with us.**

Postlude

Amazing Grace

arr. Martha Mier

Piano Solo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnOeWRjQmSg>

Christian Education

For Children – *Living as God’s People – God’s Good Creation*

- Stories during Sunday morning worship; Activities to do at home

For Adults

- Bible Study – *God’s Approachable Community* – 7:00 pm Wednesday at Zergers’
- Informal Discussion – *Lectionary Scriptures* – 9:00 am Sunday in the fellowship room

Pastor Christina’s Office Hours

9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday

Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

Upcoming Events

Sunday	Sept. 12	Worship	10:00 am
Week of Sept.	13	New Seating Delivered (Date & Time TBD)	
Thursday	Sept. 23	Church Board @ Zergers’	7:00 pm
Sunday	Oct. 3	World Communion Sunday	10:00 am
Wednesday	Oct. 6	Worship Committee @ Newcomers’	7:00 pm

Worship Totals

2021	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
8/29	Zoom 12 In-Person 23 Total 35		\$25.00		\$25.00

Local Announcements

Seek and Ye Shall Find: Church mailboxes are now located in the cabinet along the east wall of the upstairs fellowship room. Additional items will be moved soon in anticipation of the sanctuary renovations. Let Pastor Christina know if you need help finding something important.

Sanctuary Seating: The chairs from Sauder Worship Furniture will be delivered sometime during the week of September 13. They will let us know the specific day and time this week. Contact Pete Smucker if you want any of our church pews.

MCC School Kits: 26 School Kits were delivered on 8/25. Thanks to all who helped by bringing items.

COVID Precautions: Due to the rise of COVID infections in Saline County, the church board recommends the wearing of masks while in the church building for worship and other group activities.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Give thanks for God’s faithfulness with WDC congregation Buhler (KS) Mennonite Church, as they celebrate their centennial today and look forward to fruitful ministry in the future!

Women’s Retreat: Saturday, September 11 through Sunday, September 12 at Camp Mennoscah near Murdock, KS. Kathy Neufeld Dunn is the main speaker on Re/Connecting with God and Each Other. Click here for more information and registration forms: [Women's Retreat 2021 | Western District Conference \(mennowdc.org\)](#) Covid rules and restrictions will be followed, and a few things will look different so please read the information carefully.

WDC Office Hours: As of August 25, the WDC office, located at 2517 North Main, in North Newton, has updated their office hours: 8 am – 4:30 pm. The office is normally open through the lunch hour.

The Final Thursday Book Discussion originally scheduled for August 26 had been postponed to September 30. Join via Zoom to discuss *Leaving Silence: Sexualized Violence, the Bible, and Standing with Survivors* by Susannah Larry. This book is an unflinching examination of sexualized violence in the Bible and the God who stands steadfastly with survivors. Readers will rediscover the God who is present in experiences of trauma and who desires ultimate wholeness for survivors. See more about the book from Herald Press. Copies available through the WDC Resource Library. Email crlib@mennowdc.org for the Zoom link.

Everence to hold Social Security and retirement income planning webinar: Everence will host a *Social Security and retirement income planning* webinar, on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. This online workshop is free. Register soon by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Thank you for your generous support of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale: Just recently, the relief sale board gave MCC a check for \$500,000 from the sale that took place in July! Thank you for donating your time and energy, making and buying food, donating and bidding on cars, furniture, quilts and art to support the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. In the past 14 months the Kansas sale has donated just under \$1 million (all during a pandemic!) to support the worldwide work of MCC. Your support becomes food for the hungry, water for the thirsty, and locally owned projects that address barriers to human flourishing.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: This week, Amanda and Tyler Yoder, and their two toddlers, began a year-long SOOP assignment, through MMN at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in Colorado. Pray for them as they work alongside camp staff in hosting, maintenance and wherever else they are needed.

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA will offer two Faith Formation Roundtables each month from August to October. These roundtables are intended to encourage and support faith formation leaders through collaborative methods. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/faith-formation-roundtable/>.

Mennonite Church USA: Luis Alvarado is a chaplain at an immigration detention center in Texas, where he ministers to Christians and non-Christians alike. Through his work, he had met many immigrants, who have shared their stories and made him a better person. Read more about Alvarado's encounters here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/luis-alvarado-chaplain-at-south-texas-detention-complex/>.

Learn, Pray, Join: During September and October, MC USA invites you to learn about poverty considering the pandemic, by engaging its new "Learn, Pray, Join" initiative – The Cost of Poverty. We will include a special focus on housing insecurity and mutual aid. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ministry/peacebuilding/learn-pray-join/cost-of-poverty/>

#BeTransformed: Unlikely encounters often lead to transformation. Read how Sue Park-Hur has experienced transformation through some of her recent unlikely encounters in her blog, "Be transformed." <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/be-transformed/>

Menno Snapshots: Shareholders are partial owners of the companies in which they hold shares. How can shareholders use this power to make a difference? Read about the power of shareholder advocacy in Chris Meyer's blog, "Shareholder advocacy: a positive use of power." <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/shareholder-advocacy-a-positive-use-of-power/>

Join MCC in prayer and support for those suffering in our world. MCC has prepositioned relief materials in Haiti for immediate use. Earlier this month an additional shipment of supplies was sent to Haiti and is expected to arrive in September. MCC continues to respond to needs around the world in Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Congo and other crisis areas. We greatly appreciate your [monetary donations](#) to keep current projects going and to help with extra expenses due to recent disasters; and we could use your help in replenishing our supplies of [relief kits and hygiene kits](#). Questions can be directed to 316.283.2720 or centralstates@mcc.org.

Mennonite World Conference: May our churches find new and hopeful ways of being church in a world that changes rapidly.